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**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 12 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 2, and 5 – 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,385,291 ("Malmanger"). This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.

The Examiner references Malmanger Figure 5, pointing to plate 18, latch body 109, actuator 110, front pleat 107, 108 rear pleat 110, 114, middle section 112, pawl 116, and spring means 114.



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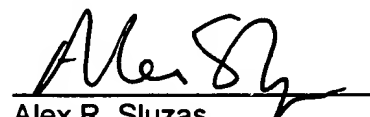
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